

**In the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A cross-armed utility pole guarding device for preventing raptor nesting, said utility pole having a plurality of cross-arms, comprising:

- (a) a housing having a continuous smooth surface of non-conductive, non-sticky material having a sloped top at a continuous angle throughout the entire top of at least 45° degrees to prevent debris from accumulating at the top of said housing;
  - (b) [Means for connecting said housing to said utility pole parallel to said cross-arms] sides of said housing extending down from said top of said housing, said sides having spaced holes suitable for screwing said sides of said housing into said cross-arms of said utility pole.
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) The cross-armed utility pole guarding device of Claim 1, wherein more than 1 said housing is attached to said cross-arms having a space of no greater than 4 inches separating said housings.
4. (currently amended) The cross-armed utility pole guarding device of Claim 1, wherein said housing is of a clear plastic having a UV protective layer.
5. (currently amended) The cross-armed utility pole guarding of Claim 1, wherein said housing is rounded at said top of said housing.
6. (cancelled)
7. A method of preventing raptor nesting on a [cross-arm] utility pole, having a plurality of cross-arms comprising attaching a housing of non-conductive, non-

sticky material, having a sloped top at a continuous angle throughout the entire top of a least 45° degrees preventing debris from accumulating at the top of said housing and sides extending down from said top, said sides having spaced holes suitable for screwing said sides into said cross-arms and screwing said sides into said cross-arms.

8. The method of Claim 7 where more than one said housing could be attached wherein the space between said housings are less than 4 inches.

9. (original) The method of Claim 7 wherein the housing is made of clear plastic having a UV protective layer.

10. (cancelled)